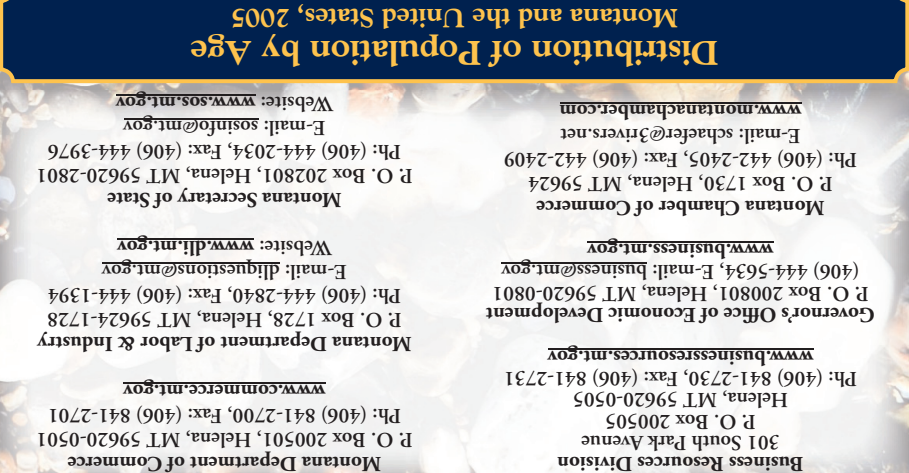


Geography	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Montana	902,195	906,098	910,395	917,885	926,920	935,670
Beaverhead County	9,202	9,076	9,000	8,919	8,824	8,773
Big Horn County	12,671	12,817	12,829	13,076	13,149	13,149
Blaine County	7,009	6,824	6,816	6,765	6,673	6,629
Broadwater County	4,385	4,402	4,410	4,418	4,526	4,517
Carbon County	9,552	9,662	9,727	9,751	9,770	9,902
Carter County	1,360	1,362	1,359	1,332	1,337	1,320
Cascade County	80,357	79,855	79,742	79,801	79,938	79,569
Chouteau County	5,970	5,772	5,644	5,585	5,463	5,463
Custer County	11,696	11,471	11,434	11,353	11,427	11,267
Daniel's County	2,017	2,014	1,934	1,918	1,847	1,836
Dawson County	9,059	8,917	8,734	8,742	8,657	8,688
Deer Lodge County	9,417	9,204	9,072	8,979	8,968	8,948
Fallon County	2,837	2,754	2,727	2,768	2,771	2,717
Fergus County	11,893	11,761	11,677	11,653	11,619	11,551
Flathead County	74,471	76,100	77,449	79,435	81,114	83,172
Gallatin County	67,831	69,795	71,076	73,331	75,632	78,210
Garfield County	1,279	1,262	1,244	1,240	1,228	1,199
Glacier County	13,247	13,129	13,203	13,291	13,527	13,552
Golden Valley County	1,042	1,015	1,066	1,054	1,105	1,159
Granite County	2,830	2,880	2,869	2,888	2,894	2,965
Hill County	16,673	16,532	16,360	16,281	16,343	16,304
Jefferson County	10,049	10,221	10,415	10,550	10,863	11,170
Judith Basin County	2,329	2,258	2,256	2,294	2,297	2,198
Lake County	26,507	26,948	26,997	27,370	27,915	28,297
Lewis and Clark County	55,716	56,246	56,452	57,165	57,932	58,449
Liberty County	2,102	2,102	2,019	2,032	2,042	2,003
Lincoln County	18,837	18,729	18,739	18,899	19,065	19,193
McCone County	1,977	1,900	1,842	1,809	1,789	1,805
Madison County	6,851	6,899	6,968	6,941	7,094	7,274
Meagher County	1,932	1,953	1,936	1,969	2,004	1,999
Mineral County	3,884	3,848	3,815	3,870	3,880	4,014
Missoula County	95,802	96,684	97,792	98,435	99,063	100,086
Musselshell County	4,497	4,446	4,460	4,486	4,514	4,497
Park County	15,694	15,726	15,833	15,777	15,774	15,968
Petroleum County	493	478	487	493	499	479
Phillips County	4,601	4,448	4,353	4,240	4,263	4,179
Pondera County	6,424	6,358	6,257	6,193	6,108	6,087
Powder River County	1,858	1,815	1,827	1,830	1,766	1,705
Powell County	7,180	7,058	7,040	6,946	6,914	6,999
Prairie County	1,199	1,214	1,187	1,166	1,140	1,105
Ravalli County	36,070	36,907	37,737	38,739	39,470	39,940
Richland County	9,667	9,443	9,273	9,175	9,077	9,096
Roosevelt County	10,620	10,573	10,432	10,416	10,576	10,524
Rosebud County	9,383	9,270	9,273	9,311	9,227	9,212
Sanders County	10,227	10,456	10,433	10,515	10,896	11,057
Sheridan County	4,105	3,947	3,806	3,657	3,638	3,524
Silver Bow County	34,606	33,768	33,438	33,222	33,067	32,982
Sweet Grass County	8,195	8,376	8,454	8,447	8,428	8,493
Teton County	6,445	6,410	6,318	6,382	6,258	6,240
Toole County	5,267	5,303	5,321	5,215	5,143	5,031
Treasure County	861	820	776	744	736	689
Valley County	7,675	7,533	7,397	7,299	7,243	7,143
Wheatland County	2,259	2,161	2,168	2,101	2,063	2,037
Willoux County	1,068	1,018	1,001	983	974	951
Yellowstone County	129,352	130,572	131,898	133,265	134,806	136,691

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

## Montana Statewide & County Populations

## Distribution of Population by Age



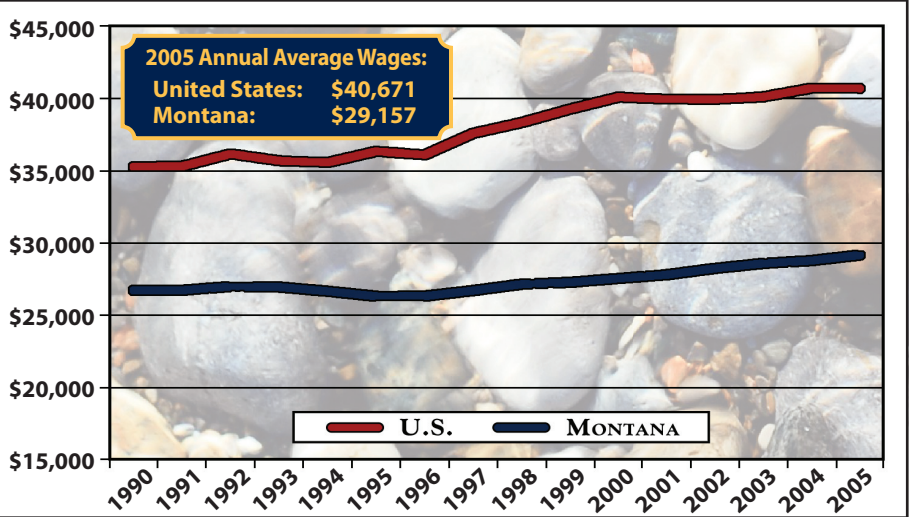
## Economic Development Resources for Montana

## Statewide Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	493,407	473,636	19,771	4.0%
2004	483,980	463,276	20,704	4.3%
2003	473,230	452,234	20,996	4.4%
2002	469,194	448,067	21,127	4.5%
2001	468,963	447,827	21,136	4.5%
2000	468,865	446,552	22,313	4.8%

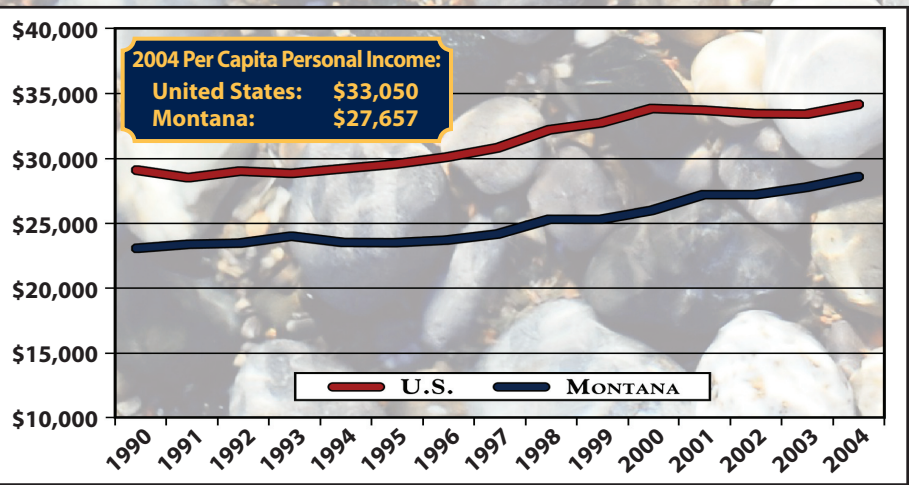
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

## Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

## Demographic & Economic Information for The State of Montana



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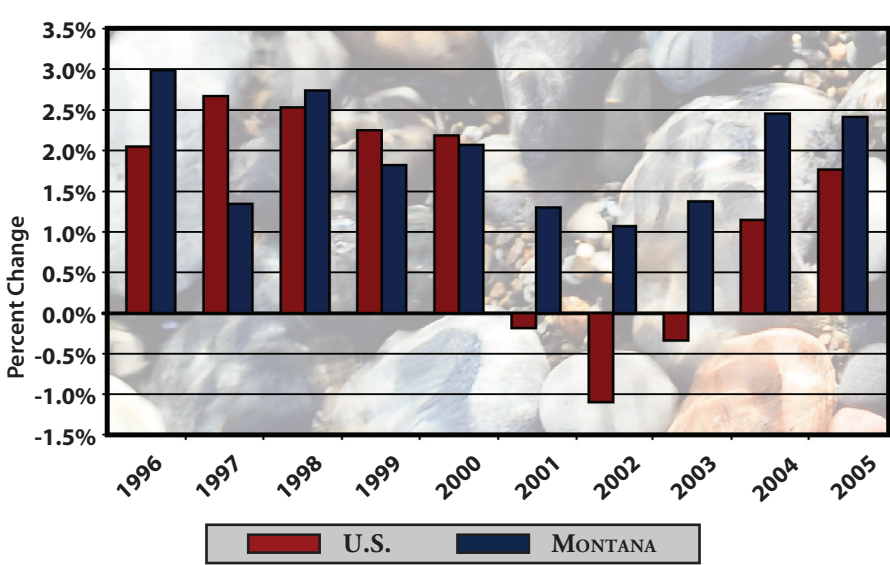
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Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005  
Montana and the United States



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 20 Private Employers in Montana  
(Based on 1st Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertsons	9	Missoula Community Medical Center	9
Benefis Healthcare	9	Northwestern Energy	9
Better Business Systems	9	St. Patrick Hospital	9
Big Sky Ski Resort	8	St. Peter's Hospital	8
Bozeman Deaconess Health Services	8	St. Vincent Healthcare	9
Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives	8	Stillwater Mining Company	9
Deaconess Billings Clinic Health System	9	Town Pump	9
Express Personnel Services	8	United Parcel Service	8
First Interstate Bank	9	Wal-Mart	9
Kalispell Regional Medical Center	9	Wells Fargo	9

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics

Farms	
Farms: (number)	27,870
Land in farms (acres)	59,612,403
Average size of farms (acres)	2,139
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	17,720
1,000 acres or more	10,150
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	22,843
\$100,000 or more	5,027
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	24,640
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	3,230

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	2,396,764
Hogs and pigs	172,951
Sheep and lambs	305,753
Horses and ponies	94,396
Bison	19,515
Chickens (layers and broilers)	449,700
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	11,642
Corn for silage or greenchop	50,094
Wheat for grain, All	4,876,699
Winter wheat for grain	784,931
Durum wheat for grain	564,640
Spring wheat for grain	3,527,128
Barley for grain	902,163
Oats for grain	45,515
Sunflower seed, All	1,224
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, haylage, grass silage	2,590,090

Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	17,710
Other	10,160
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	22,328
Not on farm operated	5,542
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	7,438
10 years or more	20,432
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	14,169
55 years and over	13,701
Average age of operators: (number)	55.4

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002  
(D) - Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Statewide Annual Averages 2005

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	40,116	413,432	\$29,157
TOTAL PRIVATE	37,718	334,191	\$27,939
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	956	4,422	\$26,048
Crop production	156	951	\$23,580
Animal production	326	1,947	\$22,881
Forestry and logging	267	1,032	\$34,058
Fishing, hunting and trapping	7	7	\$12,130
Agriculture & forestry support	200	485	\$26,751
MINING	353	6,741	\$58,104
Oil and gas extraction	76	548	\$62,247
Mining, except oil and gas	95	4,043	\$60,631
Support activities for mining	182	2,150	\$52,298
UTILITIES	228	2,912	\$61,489
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CONSTRUCTION	5,552	27,580	\$33,990
Construction of buildings	1,903	8,120	\$31,627
Heavy and civil engineering construction	522	4,992	\$44,837
Specialty trade contractors	3,127	14,469	\$31,573
MANUFACTURING	1,340	19,522	\$36,932
Food manufacturing	183	2,485	\$28,403
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	40	754	\$27,069
Textile mills	9	*	*
Textile product mills	32	181	\$19,783
Apparel manufacturing	13	123	\$26,606
Leather and allied product manufacturing	18	65	\$14,353
Wood product manufacturing	171	4,721	\$37,226
Paper manufacturing	6	*	*
Printing and related support activities	96	1,051	\$27,065
Petroleum & coal products manufacturing	9	943	\$80,481
Chemical manufacturing	39	709	\$53,218
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	25	267	\$25,158
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	87	1,032	\$35,931
Primary metal manufacturing	20	339	\$36,987
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	150	1,273	\$33,266
Machinery manufacturing	54	1,321	\$39,567
Computer and electronic product mfg	37	563	\$44,889
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	11	92	\$38,274
Transportation equipment manufacturing	42	526	\$33,556
Furniture and related product mfg	138	1,005	\$25,646
Miscellaneous manufacturing	162	1,482	\$30,449
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,236	16,282	\$38,088
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	990	8,303	\$39,822
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	737	6,739	\$34,545
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	510	1,241	\$45,727
RETAIL TRADE	4,742	55,376	\$21,156
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	665	7,618	\$32,383
Furniture and home furnishings stores	307	2,128	\$26,049
Electronics and appliance stores	244	1,631	\$23,632
Building material & garden supply stores	516	6,003	\$25,885
Food and beverage stores	423	9,058	\$18,192
Health and personal care stores	234	1,768	\$26,149
Gasoline stations	482	5,059	\$14,757
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	444	3,157	\$13,836
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	391	3,631	\$14,553
General merchandise stores	180	10,449	\$19,473
Miscellaneous store retailers	693	4,013	\$16,280
Nonstore retailers	164	861	\$28,427
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	1,215	10,261	\$31,083

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)  
\* Data Not Disclosable

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Air transportation	75	790	\$28,736
Truck transportation	697	4,761	\$34,462
Transit and ground passenger transport	97	1,274	\$13,819
Pipeline transportation	38	323	\$60,683
Scenic and sightseeing transportation	12	36	\$22,672
Support activities for transportation	174	1,515	\$28,310
Postal service	13	21	\$10,210
Couriers and messengers	91	1,397	\$33,828
Warehousing and storage	19	145	\$26,194
INFORMATION	752	7,785	\$35,582
Publishing industries, except Internet	206	2,203	\$30,267
Motion picture, sound recording industry	103	711	\$12,884
Broadcasting, except Internet	83	1,216	\$31,899
Internet publishing and broadcasting	12	33	\$31,284
Telecommunications	237	2,854	\$45,816
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	96	727	\$40,424
Other information services	16	42	\$29,492
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	1,879	15,509	\$41,410
Monetary authorities - central bank	1	*	*
Credit intermediation & related activity	700	8,559	\$37,136
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	303	1,207	\$79,247
Insurance carriers & related activities	861	5,589	\$39,718
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	14	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	1,617	5,724	\$24,631
Real estate	1,311	3,468	\$26,553
Rental and leasing services	287	2,086	\$19,629
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	19	169	\$46,913
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	3,750	17,532	\$40,538
Professional and technical services	3,750	17,532	\$40,538
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	90	1,045	\$46,767
Management of companies and enterprises	90	1,045	\$46,767
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	1,801	16,550	\$20,848
Administrative and support services	1,687	15,638	\$19,998
Waste management and remediation service	114	911	\$35,432
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	353	3,909	\$21,439
Educational services	353	3,909	\$21,439
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	2,982	51,883	\$31,541
Ambulatory health care services	1,790	14,192	\$39,615
Hospitals	57	19,824	\$38,623
Nursing and residential care facilities	258	8,833	\$19,490
Social assistance	877	9,034	\$15,095
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	1,119	10,092	\$14,282
Performing arts and spectator sports	187	874	\$17,085
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	61	291	\$16,369
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	871	8,928	\$13,940
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	3,288	45,114	\$11,275
Accommodation	688	10,157	\$14,548
Food services and drinking places	2,600	34,957	\$10,324
OTHER SERVICES	3,294	15,700	\$21,178
Repair and maintenance	1,122	4,970	\$28,828
Personal and laundry services	494	2,656	\$16,135
Membership associations & organizations	1,319	7,433	\$17,912
Private households	361	641	\$20,640
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	2,398	79,241	\$34,295
Local Government	922	44,502	\$28,345
State Government	673	21,254	\$35,080
Federal Government	804	13,485	\$52,692

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